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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
SUBJECT: Intelligence Support of Clandestine Collection Efforts
REFERENCE: Memorandum from AD/RR to C/CI Dated 23 May 1958 on
Field Dissemination of an IM and a Collection Guide

I have read with interest your proposal that field stations be forwarded copies of certain ORR reports, especially those providing background for current requirements levied by ORR on FI. As you know, we always encourage originators of requirements to supply pertinent background information. We find that such information, when sharply focussed, clear and concise, helps the field collector to understand a requirement better and to collect more effectively against it. Whenever an ORR intelligence report can provide this kind of assistance, we shall be glad of an opportunity to consider it for field use. With the great number and diversity of requirements constantly being laid on field stations, we are obliged, as you will appreciate, to put a premium on succinctness and on direct relevance to the task of the collector. For this reason the most useful background statements are usually those prepared in direct support of a requirement. Nevertheless, there are undoubtedly instances where longer and more fundamental papers may appropriately be sent out, particularly to large stations and in relation to more complex requirements.

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3. May I suggest, as a possible next step of this kind, the provision of background studies on the five major gaps in economic intelligence on Communist China, which were listed in a memorandum of 23 January 1958 from the Far East Branch, Analysis Division, ORR. These efforts against these gaps, on which ORR has set a high priority, would be especially helped by studies reflecting a general appreciation of the operational problems involved. DOD personnel are readily available for consultation in defining the type of background required.

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